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

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RETAIL DAIRY PRODUCTS: WHATS, HOWS AND WHYS (PART I)

BY RABBI AVROHOM GORDIMER

RC- Dairy

This presentation will address the kashrus of dairy products from the perspective of the retail consumer, who shops the aisles and seeks practical advice and a basic, yet firm understanding of which dairy products do and do not pose kashrus concerns, how these concerns affect the kashrus of the products, and why the consumer should or should not exercise caution when purchasing these products.

One important point: Consumers occasionally assume that the presence of an  on a dairy product – especially milk – indicates that the product is *chalav Yisrael*. In fact, such products are not *chalav Yisrael* unless stated specifically on the label. The OU, as well as most national kashrus agencies, relies on the position formulated in *Igros Moshe* (YD 1:47-49) which rules that regular domestic commercial milk (in the United States and most developed countries) is acceptable. That having been said, -certified products which do bear a *chalav Yisrael* statement are produced with the most meticulous *chalav Yisrael* standards and are often supervised in active partnership with other well-respected kashrus agencies which cater exclusively to the *chalav Yisrael* consumer base. This presentation follows general OU dairy policy, but – as you will see – the issues addressed in the vast majority of the discussion pertain to *chalav Yisrael* products as well.

Enough introduction – let's begin:



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For those who consume *chalav stam* (regular commercial milk without special rabbinic supervision): Unflavored whole, skim and low-fat milk in the refrigerated section of one's supermarket may be purchased without any kosher certification in the United States and most developed countries.

Although dairies which pasteurize, homogenize and bottle milk are at times also shared by kosher-sensitive products, there are several factors which alleviate concerns posed by possible sharing of equipment by milk and other products.

1. Use of regular milk production lines for other products is not the norm.
2. Milk plants' "Cleaning In Place" ("CIP") sanitization systems serve to kasher or nullify the effects of equipment's shared use with other products.
3. Even in a situation where another product is manufactured on the milk line, the residual taste of other products in milk, if any, is often negative (*nosain ta'am li-f'gam*), resulting in no *ta'am issur* (prohibited absorbed taste) in the milk. (See Yoreh Deah siman 103.)

Commercial milk contains vitamins A and D. Although these vitamins may be kosher-sensitive – as they can derive from non-kosher fish oil –, they are used in extremely miniscule quantities and do not affect the kosher status of the milk.

It must be noted that any milk which bears an  means that the OU visits the milk facility and assures that the production equipment is either dedicated exclusively to milk or is formally kashered for milk production. Presence of the 

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SYSCO FOODS

OU and Sysco Foodservice Executives meet to discuss the exploding Kosher market and working together to continue bringing quality kosher products to consumers.

(L-R) Mr. Joe Barton Sr., V.P. of Sourcing Sysco Foodservice, Ken Spittler, President and COO Sysco Foodservice, Rabbi Menachem Genack, CEO OU Kosher, Rabbi Moshe Elefant, COO OU Kosher, Mr. Shia Hollander, CEO Alle Processing, Mr. Cam Blakely, V.P. Sysco Foodservice

BAZZINI LICORICE – All Sorts (UPC #0 75062 50196 3) produced by A.L. Bazzini Co. – New York, NY bears an unauthorized © and is not certified kosher by the Orthodox Union. Consumers spotting this product are requested to contact the Orthodox Union at 212-613-8241 or via email at kshalerts@ou.org.

SKITTLES CANDY FAN UPC #6 09454 61492 6 and **SKITTLES DRY ERASE MESSAGE BOARD** UPC #6 09454 61501 5 produced by Candyrific – Louisville, KY had an unauthorized ©D inadvertently placed on these products' labels. Corrective action has been implemented. Consumers spotting this product are requested to contact the Orthodox Union at 212-613-8241 or via email at kshalerts@ou.org. Please note that this issue only impacts upon the kashruth status of the Skittles, the products' safety and nutritional integrity is not affected.

WAGGONER CHOCOLATES (FUNDRAISING SERIES) HOT FUDGE (6 OZ), LIQUID CARAMEL (6 OZ), MINT MELTAWAY (6 OZ), PEANUT BUTTER (6 OZ) produced by Waggoner Chocolates – N. Canton, OH contain dairy ingredients as listed on the ingredient panel but the ©D dairy designation has been inadvertently omitted. Future packaging will be revised.

ASARO CHERRY TOMATOES & BASIL PASTA SAUCE produced by A. Pensabene Agroalimentari – Italy bears an unauthorized © and is being withdrawn from the marketplace. Consumers spotting this product are requested to contact the Orthodox Union at 212-613-8241 or via email at kshalerts@ou.org.

VITA HERRING IN REAL SOUR CREAM (32 oz.) produced by Vita Food Products – Chicago, IL contains dairy ingredients as listed on the ingredient panel but the ©D dairy designation has been inadvertently omitted. Future packaging will be revised.

PRINCE MAC AND CHEESE DINNER UPC #041129010501 produced by New World Pasta – Harrisburg, PA bears an unauthorized © and is being withdrawn from the marketplace. Consumers spotting this product are requested to contact the Orthodox Union at 212-613-8241 or via email at kshalerts@ou.org.

FLORA ITALIAN BREADCRUMBS 12/24 oz UPC #2003800119 produced by Flora Foods – Pompano Beach, FL bears an unauthorized © and is being withdrawn from the marketplace. Consumers spotting this product are requested

to contact the Orthodox Union at 212-613-8241 or via email at kshalerts@ou.org.

JEWEL CUT SPINACH (in cans) UPC #041280114858 produced by Albertsons Inc. – Boise, ID bears an unauthorized © and is being withdrawn from the marketplace.

ANNETTE'S JUMBO GLAZED DONUTS UPC #060529082014 produced by Annette's Donuts – Toronto, ON contains dairy ingredients as listed on the ingredient panel but the ©D dairy designation has been inadvertently omitted. Future packaging will be revised.

FULL CIRCLE ASSORTED FROZEN SHRIMP PRODUCTS produced by Topco Associates LLC – Skokie, IL bear an unauthorized © and are not certified kosher by the Orthodox Union. Corrective action is being taken.

CRAVIN' TRAIL MIX produced by Frankfort Foods – Philadelphia, PA contains dairy ingredients as listed on the ingredient panel but the ©D dairy designation has been inadvertently omitted. Future packaging will be revised.

STRAUSS SYMPHONIA CHEESE WITH PEPPER produced by Strauss Health Ltd. – Bar Lev Industrial Area, Israel was erroneously manufactured using peppers that were grown under Heter Mechira. The Orthodox Union does not certify Heter Mechira products and corrective action is being taken. Consumers spotting this product are requested to contact the Orthodox Union at 212-613-8241 or via email at kshalerts@ou.org.

A limited amount of **HARRY AND DAVID PEPPER AND ONION RELISH WITH ZINFANDEL (2.45 oz.)** produced by Harry & David – Medford, OR was produced while bearing an unauthorized © and is being withdrawn from the marketplace. Consumers spotting this product are requested to contact the Orthodox Union at 212-613-8241 or via email at kshalerts@ou.org.

SLIPPERY JACKS MARINATED MUSHROOMS produced by ITFC Importers & Distributors – Toronto, ON may be infested and should not be eaten. Consumers spotting this product are requested to contact the Orthodox Union at 212-613-8241 or via email at kshalerts@ou.org.

PRICE CHOPPER MAGIC STARS SWEETENED OAT CEREAL WITH MARSHMALLOWS produced by Price Chopper – Schenectady, NY being sold at Price Chopper stores bearing an unauthorized © is being withdrawn from the marketplace. Consumers spotting this product are requested to contact the Orthodox Union at 212-613-8241 or via email at kshalerts@ou.org.

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION AND KASHRUTH ALERT!

Effective immediately, the OU will no longer certify **KALAMATA OLIVES FROM GREECE** except on a lot specific special production basis. Moreover, the OU will no longer accept these olives from other kosher certifications unless we can verify that the standards of production meet the same criteria. The same rules will apply to repackaging of olives done by importers or distributors. We have come to this conclusion after much investigation and deliberation. Unless specially produced, wine vinegar is not kosher. Kalamata olives are often produced using red wine vinegar. Experts agree that no other vinegar produces product of the same high quality. Because wine vinegar product is very common, has the best taste and is easily mixed up with other kosher vinegar, our Poskim feel strongly that we cannot rely on any system other than direct rabbinic observation of the certified production of Kalamata Olives. Moving forward, the OU will only certify the product on a batch basis and issue special labels that are number and signature controlled. OU representatives will directly supervise all productions. For any questions on this matter kindly contact Rabbi Aharon Brun-Kestler at 212-613-8364 or AhronB@ou.org

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symbol on milk also indicates that all vitamins in the milk are kosher. (The OU does not rely on *bittul* – halachic nullification – in its certification, and the appearance of an Ⓢ indicates that an OU mashgiach personally visits the production facility on an ongoing basis to verify the kashrus of the certified product, even if it is milk, bottled water, or any other innocuous food.)

Flavored milk, such as chocolate milk, always needs hashgacha (kosher supervision). Aside from the not-so-innocuous flavors used, flavored milks also utilize stabilizers (kosher-sensitive ingredients which contribute to smooth texture) and sweeteners. Eggnog likewise needs reliable kosher certification, sharing the same concerns as flavored milk (and it also requires kosher-sensitive eggnog flavor or base).

JUICE, PUNCH, ICED COFFEE AND ICED TEA

These products are often manufactured at dairies. The reason for this is that these beverages are usually pasteurized (heat-treated to destroy harmful bacteria), and their packaging requirements are similar to those of milk. Since these pasteurization and packaging requirements are somewhat compatible, dairies find it efficient (and profitable) to share their equipment with production of these non-dairy beverages.

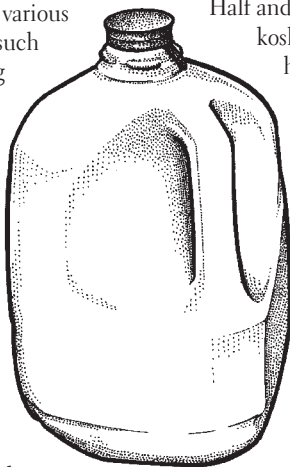
In theory, pure orange, grapefruit and apple juice are always kosher (unless they are from Eretz Yisrael, in which case *Terumah* and *Ma'aser* must be taken). However, dairies which process these juices often share lines with various other products (most notably non-kosher grape juice and – of course – milk). Although the three rationales presented earlier which permit milk to be purchased without hashgacha apply here, the various factors involved in the case of juice production (such as the likelihood of non-kosher grape juice sharing juice equipment and the potential use of juice lines for other beverages) may be reason for the consumer to exercise caution. **If one does purchase orange, grapefruit or apple juice without kosher certification, it is important to be sure that there are no additives. Ruby red grapefruit juice often has non-kosher carmine color added.**

Iced tea and iced coffee contain various additives and need reliable hashgacha.

Punch is a blend of juices, flavors and often colors, and it needs kosher certification. (Punch frequently contains non-kosher grape juice or is made on equipment shared with non-kosher grape juice.)

LONG SHELF-LIFE BEVERAGES

Unlike refrigerated beverages, long shelf-life milk and juice box beverages are much more prone to share equipment with various other dairy and non-kosher products. These items are *aseptically* pasteurized at extremely high temperatures, and the plants which manufacture them are commonly multi-functional facilities which frequently process anything and everything – from milk to chicken broth to grape juice to (non-kosher pork and beef) gelatin-based confectioneries. Although the actual aseptic pasteurizer is sterilized at very high temperatures, related equipment is often not cleaned at temperatures which kasher, and caustic solution (to be *pogem* non-kosher absorbed flavor and render it null) is often not used between all products. One should not purchase long shelf-life beverages without reliable certification.



BUTTERMILK

Most retail buttermilk is not at all the same as natural buttermilk, which is derived from the production of butter. Retail buttermilk is milk which is inoculated with lactic acid, and it may contain non-kosher emulsifiers or stabilizers. Please never purchase without reliable hashgacha!

POWDERED MILK

Fluid milk is dried into powder on equipment called “spray-dryers”. In order for it to be instantly soluble, powdered milk is *agglomerated*, meaning that the powder’s particles are lumped together with moisture. This enables them to dissolve better into water. The equipment used for drying milk into powder and for agglomerating it is often shared with non-kosher foods; therefore, powdered milk should always be bought with kosher certification.

CONDENSED MILK

This product is often sold in small cans reading “Sweetened Condensed Milk”, and is particularly useful in many baking applications. Although it is not loaded with ingredients, it does require hashgacha. Here is why:

When products are condensed, much of their excess water is removed, thereby forming a concentrated version of the original product. Condensers (often referred to as “evaporators”) vacuum water out of liquids and operate at very high temperatures. Evaporators at dairies and other types of plants are often shared by a variety of different products and are not sanitized in a manner which constitutes a kashering. Hence, when purchasing condensed products, seek out those which bear a reliable hechsher.

HALF AND HALF

Half and half is presumed by some consumers to be automatically kosher. These consumers reason that since half and half is half milk and half cream, which are of course kosher, one can use half and half without concern. Whereas consumer presumptions are sometimes accurate, this one is surely not!

Half and half – from a kashrus perspective – suffers from two maladies:

1. Cream (dairy fat) is not always kosher. There are two types of cream: sweet cream, which is derived from milk (and is kosher), and whey cream, which is derived from cheese-making. Whey cream is often non-kosher, and the cream in many dairy products can be in the form of pure whey cream or a blend of sweet cream and whey cream.
2. Half and half contains emulsifiers which enable the milk and cream to mix properly. These emulsifiers may be animal-derived.

Bottom line: Half and half is not innocuous. Its kashrus needs a thorough interrogation and must be certified by a reliable agency.

NUTRITIONAL FLUIDS

(PROTEIN BEVERAGES, INFANT FORMULAS)

If you thought that half and half posed potential problems, wait ‘til you find out what these nutritional products contain.

Protein beverages usually contain *casein* – the predominant protein in milk, which is spray-dried into powder, and they also often contain whey proteins – which come from cheese-making. The casein in these products is usually spray-dried twice: once when converting it from its liquid state into a powder, and again after it is rehydrated and made into a soluble casein salt called a *caseinate*.

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KEEPING TABS ON GLYCERIN

BY RABBI GAVRIEL PRICE
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Soon after he came to the OU, Rabbi Chaim Loike became troubled by the following problem: one of his companies sells totes of kosher glycerin as well as totes of non-kosher glycerin. When a customer of theirs requests more kosher glycerin, the customer gets a new tote of kosher glycerin. A non-kosher customer has it easier: the company sends a trailer tanker of glycerin to its various customers and fills up the totes with non-kosher glycerin, cutting out the need for new totes and reducing freight costs.

How do we know, asked Rabbi Loike, that the non-kosher glycerin is not being delivered to kosher glycerin totes? What can be done to prevent that possibility?

The only genuine solution (short of having hashgacha temidis on the use of the tote) is to rely on OU mashgichim to do an accounting. In our case, the mashgiach at the company receiving kosher glycerin in totes should be checking bills of lading to ensure that all new glycerin is coming in with new totes. A glycerin receipt through a tanker trailer would be a red flag!

The mashgiach should take a second step and see whether the amount of kosher glycerin received equals the amount of glycerin used in kosher production.

A careful records accounting provides a window to operations that can't be viewed by simply walking through a warehouse (even though a walk-through is also essential).

Of course, these measures are necessary in any environment in which glycerin is used, whether the glycerin is kept in totes, drums, or storage tanks. And a mashgiach should be doing this kind of accounting with other sensitive ingredients, such as drums

of kosher wine, as well.

Rav Belsky, shlita, has recently urged us to emphasize the importance of a documents review.

Do not be reluctant to ask experienced mashgichim to help! There are many on the OU staff who are very familiar with ingredients accounting procedures whose job description includes helping other mashgichim.

MORE NOTES ON TOTES

One more important point about totes: it is not unheard of for a supplier of a product transported in totes to recover the tote from the user after the tote has been vacated of product. Don't take my word for it. I found the following promotional literature says it better than I could:



"Folding bulk containers, industrial totes, and metal storage bins are used over and over again within a facility or between a supplier and a customer. They can be used literally thousands of times. These bulk boxes are much cheaper in the long term when compared to buying cardboard boxes and wood crates every time that product is shipped... While the upfront investment in returnable packaging may cost more, savings can be realized quickly through repeated use (the same bulk containers, metal bins, and totes are used over and over)..."

For a mashgiach at a company that sends product in totes, this adds up to one thing: it is your responsibility to make sure that the company is using only new totes.

If the tote is used – how do we know it wasn't used for a non-kosher product? If you have any questions, speak to your RC. (Our gratitude to Rabbi Meyer Gross of COR for bringing this to our attention).

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The drying equipment used for casein/caseinate may be shared with anything, thus making casein/caseinate a kosher-sensitive product.

Whey is even more sensitive from a kashrus standpoint. Whey can become non-kosher in any of three ways (pardon the bad pun):

1. The cheese from which the whey is derived was made with non-kosher animal-based rennet (the enzyme which forms milk into cheese). Non-kosher rennet forms the cheese and whey and is a *davar ha-ma'amid* in both the cheese and whey and is never *batel* in them when non-kosher (ShuT Chasam Sofer Yoreh Deah 79), even though the amount of rennet used in cheese-making is very minute.
2. The whey is derived from cheese made at hot temperatures. As we will address later, cheese made without special on-site kosher supervision is deemed non-kosher; it is called "*Gevinas Akum*". However, the whey which derives from *Gevinas Akum* is not *per se* non-kosher, as whey is the portion of the milk which did not become converted into cheese, and it is therefore not subject to the unique kosher stringencies of cheese. If otherwise-kosher whey has hot contact with *Gevinas Akum*, the whey is rendered non-kosher

as well, just as any kosher food which has hot contact with a non-kosher substance becomes non-kosher. (Among the more common hot-temperature cheeses are some varieties of Swiss, plus Parmesan and Romano. It should also be noted that some Dutch and Scandinavian cheeses undergo a hot wash in their vats, along with their whey, right after these cheeses are produced. This process renders the whey non-kosher, as it causes the hot absorption of non-kosher cheese taste into the whey.)

3. The whey comes from Mozzarella or Provolone cheese production. Although these cheeses are not coagulated with very high levels of heat, they are transferred from their vats after coagulation to a hot cheese cooker. While being cooked, these cheeses are stretched and pulled, endowing them with an elastic texture, making them ideal for melting into Italian dishes. The cooker's water (now full of taste, fat and assorted residue from these non-kosher cheeses) is commonly salvaged and incorporated into whey, making the whey non-kosher.

Whey is clearly a kashrus minefield, and any product containing it needs very tight hashgacha.

PAS YISROEL PRODUCTS (AS OF ELUL 5768)

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The following is a list of OU certified products that are Pas Yisrael

- Please note: All ©^P (Kosher for Passover) Matzah products (e.g. Matzah, Matzah Meal, Matzah Meal products) are Pas Yisroel, even if not listed below.
- Not all products on this list are available in all countries or geographic regions.
- The OU Poskim are of the position that breakfast cereal and wafers are considered a tayshil and not pas and, therefore, are not subject to the laws of Pas Yisroel.
- Products which are also cholov yisroel and/or yoshon are so indicated.
- Items manufactured in Israel are noted with an asterisk*
- Food service establishments such as restaurants and caterers are noted with a (FSE).

COMPANY/BRAND	PRODUCT TYPE	RC
Abadi Bakery*	All items	R' Minskey
Acme [Albertson's]	Clifton, NJ – all fresh baked products	R' Steinberg
Acme [Albertson's]	Milltown, NJ – all fresh baked products	R' Steinberg
Acme [Albertson's]	Narberth, PA – all fresh baked products	R' Steinberg
Albertson's in-store Bakery	Boca Raton and Del Ray Beach – all fresh baked products	R' Steinberg
Amnon's Kosher Pizza	Frozen Pizza (cholov yisroel)	R' Indich
Angel's Bakery*	All products (when bearing an OU)	R' Minskey
Arnie's Bagelicious	Plain Sliced Mini Bagels, Cinnamon Raisin Mini Bagels, Blueberry Mini Bagels	R' Nosenchuk
Awrey's	Microwaveable Sandwich Bagel Halves, Mini Bagels, Cinnamon Raisin Bagels, Plain Bagels, Blueberry Bagels	R' Nosenchuk
Bag N' Save	Bread, rolls, buns	R' Nosenchuk
Bagel City	Challah, challah rolls (yoshon)	R' Nosenchuk
Bagels-N-More	Challah, challah rolls (yoshon)	R' Nosenchuk
Barry's Bakery	Café and French Twists (when Pas Yisrael is written on the label)	R' Bendelstein
Barth*	Crackers	R' Minsky
Bayit Vegan Guest House* (FSE)	All Baked Items	R' Minskey
Bell	Bialys (with special Hebrew packaging only) [Only available in Israel]	R' Nosenchuk
Betz Boys (Continental Food)	Pizza (cholov yisroel)	R' Gordimer
BJ's	Plain Sliced Mini Bagels, Cinnamon Raisin Mini Bagels	R' Nosenchuk
Block & Barrel	Plain Bagel, Classic Mini Plain Bagel, Other Bagels	R' Nosenchuk
Brickfire Bakery	Plain Sliced Mini Bagels	R' Nosenchuk
Brooklyn Bagel	Frozen, Poppy, Sesame Bagels (with special Hebrew packaging only) [Only available in Israel]	R' Nosenchuk
Bubba's and Novelty Kosher Pastries	All baked goods (yoshon)	R' Nosenchuk
Burry Foodservice	Mini Bagel Plain, Cinnamon Raisin Mini Bagels, Blueberry Mini Bagels, Wrapped Plain Bagel, Wrapped Cinnamon Raisin Bagel, Wrapped Blueberry Bagel	R' Nosenchuk
Canada Bread	Mini Bagel Plain, Mini Bagel Cinnamon Raisin, Mini Bagel Blueberry, Plain Bagel, Cinnamon Raisin Bagel, Blueberry Bagel	R' Nosenchuk
Circa-NY Midtown (FSE)	Pizza (cholov yisroel) and breads	R' Schreier

Continental Bakery	Breads & Cakes	R' Paretzky
Continental Pastry, Inc.	Various cakes, pies & pastries	R' Paretzky
Copenhagen	Butter cookies & low cholesterol cookies	R' Rockove
Cub Foods	Bakery Style Egg Bagels, Bakery Style Honey Wheat Bagels, Bakery Style Blueberry Bagels, Bakery Style Plain Bagels, Bakery Style Cinnamon Raisin Bagels	R' Nosenchuk
CVS	Butter cookies & low cholesterol cookies	R' Rockove
Daily Pita	All pita bread	R' Nosenchuk
Dakota Brands	Bagels, rolls	R' Nosenchuk
Damascus	Must state pas yisroel on package	R' Bendelstein
David's Cookies	Hamentashen (only when labeled as Pareve and Pas Yisroel)	R' Bendelstein
Davidovitz	All Products (when bearing an OU symbol)	R' Minskey
Delacre*	Cookies	R' Minskey
Delancey Dessert	Exclusively pas yisroel rolls, cookies, cakes, breads	R' Nosenchuk
Dougie's BBQ & Grill in Brooklyn (FSE)	All Baked Products	R' Schreier
Dr. Praeger's	Fishies, fish sticks, fish cakes, and Pizza Bagels	R' Bistricher
Edwards & Sons*	Breadcrumbs, croutons	R' Minskey
Einat*	Breadcrumbs, croutons	R' Minskey
Elite*	Biscuits	R' Minskey
Elsa's Story*	Cookies, crackers, pastries (not cholov yisroel)	R' Minskey
Empire	Pizza (cholov yisroel);	R' Mandel
Ener-G*	Gluten-free pretzels and crackers	R' Minskey
Eskal	Gluten-free cakes	R' Minskey
Essex on Coney Downtown (FSE)	All Baked Products	R' Indich
Everything Spelt	All baked products	R' Nosenchuk
Father Sam	All pita bread	R' Paretzky
Fischer Brothers & Leslie	Challah, challah rolls	R' Mandel
Flavorite	Bakery Style Plain Bagels, Bakery Style Blueberry Bagels, Bakery Style Cinnamon Raisin Bagels	R' Nosenchuk
Friedman's	All products (when Pas Yisroel is written on the label)	R' Bendelstein
Gefen	Crackers, cookies, matzoh (matzoh is yoshon)	R' Singer
Gefen*	Chocolate cake, honey cake, marble cake	R' Minskey
Glutino*	Gluten free pretzels, crackers	R' Minskey
Goodman, Goodman's (Joyce Food Products)	Cakes & cookies (yoshon)	R' Singer
Grandpa's "Old Southern" Coffee Cake	All baked items	R' Nosenchuk
Grandpa's Coffee Cake	All coffee cakes	R' Nosenchuk
Grandpa's Gourmet Biscotti	Biscotti	R' Nosenchuk
Grandpa's International Bakery	Breads	R' Nosenchuk
Guiltless Gourmet	Wraps	R' Singer
Hadar*	Assorted biscuits	R' Minskey
Hafners	Pastry shells w/ OU and Rabbi signature	R' Rockove
Healthy Palate/Chef Martini	Eggplant parmesan (breadcrumbs are pas yisroel)	R' Gold
Hema*	Crackers	R' Minskey
Hy-Vee	Egg Bagels, Plain Bagels, Cinnamon Raisin Bagels, Blueberry Bagels, Onion Bagels, Bakery Style Onion Bagels, Apple Cinnamon Refrigerated Bagel, Honey	

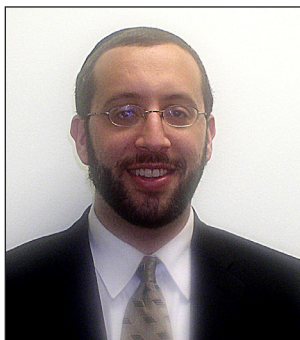
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J & P	Pita bread	R' Nosenchuk
J2 Manhattan (FSE)	Pizza (cholov yisroel) and breads	R' Schreier
Jake's Bakes	All products (when Pas Yisroel is written on the label)	R' Bendelstein
Jason	Coating Crumbs	R' Singer
Jewel-Osco [Albertson's]	Evanston, IL – bread and kosher cakes	R' Steinberg
Jewel-Osco [Albertson's]	Highland Park, IL – bread and kosher cakes	R' Steinberg
Josef's Organic	All products	R' Nosenchuk
Ked Vechomer Café* (FSE)	All Products	R' Minskey
Kedem	Cookies, Cereal bars, Biscuits, Crackers	R' Singer
Kedem*	Assorted crackers	R' Minskey
Keefe Kitchen	Plain Bagels, Cinnamon Raisin Bagels	R' Nosenchuk
Kem Kem	Crackers	R' Coleman
Kemach Food Products	Cookies, (yoshon when stated on package), Crackers (when Pas Yisroel is written on the label)	R' Coleman
Kineret	Cakes, Rugalach	R' Bendelstein
King Solomon	All products	R' Bistricher
L'Esti Desserts	Cakes and pastries (also yoshon)	R' Bendelstein
Lakewood Kollel	All products (when Pas Yisroel is written on the label)	R' Bendelstein
Levana Restaurant (FSE)	All Baked Product	R' Schreier
Lilly's	All products	R' Bendelstein
Loacker	Quadratini	R' Rockove
M&M Kosher Bakery	Pita, Baklava, and Lady Fingers	R' Bistricher
Maadanot*	Bourekas, malawah, pizza squares	R' Minskey
Macabee	Pizza (cholov yisroel), Pizza Bagel (cholov yisroel), Breaded Eggplant (yoshon), Breaded Mushrooms (yoshon), Mozzarella Sticks (cholov yisroel, Yoshon)	R' Bistricher
Malon Shaarei Yerushalayim* (FSE)	All baked items	R' Minskey
Mani's*	Cakes and Tortes	R' Minskey
Manischewitz Co.	Tam tams (yoshon), italian coating crumbs (yoshon)	R' Singer
Maple Leaf Bakery	Safeway Natures Blend Plain Mini Bagel, Mini Bagels	R' Nosenchuk
Maplehurst	Block & Barrell Classic Mini Plain Bagel	R' Nosenchuk
Marzipan*	Ruggelach	R' Minskey
Matzot Carmel *	Matzah	R' Minskey
Mehadrin Bakery	Breads, Cookies and Pastries	R' Bendelstein
Mendelson's Pizza (FSE)	Pizza (cholov yisroel) and breads	R' Schreier
Mezonos Maven	All products	R' Bendelstein
Milk 'N Honey NYC (FSE)	All Baked Products	R' Schreier
Mishpacha	All products	R' Singer
Moishy's	Exclusively pas yisroel rolls, cookies, cakes, breads	R' Bendelstein
Mount Sinai Hospital (FSE)	Products bearing an OU symbol	R. Indich
Mountain Fruit	All products (when Pas Yisroel is written on the label)	R' Bendelstein
Mr. Baker*	Assorted crackers,	R' Minskey
Naomi Caterers* (FSE)	All Baked Items	R' Minskey
Nana Sylvia	Mandel bread	R' Nosenchuk
Neeman Bakery*	All Items	R' Minskey
Neri's	Breads & Bagels	R' Nosenchuk

Novelty Bakery	All products (cholov yisroel, yoshon)	R' Nosenchuk
Novelty Kosher Pastry	All product (cholov yisroel, yoshon)	R' Nosenchuk
Of Golan*	Chicken nuggets, rings and schnitzel	R' Minskey
Of Tov*	Chicken Breast Nuggets	R' Minskey
Olympic Pita (FSE)	All Baked Items	R' Schreier
Original Bagel Company	Plain Bagel, Cinnamon Raisin Bagel, Blueberry Bagel, Everything Bagel, Sesame Bagel, Plain Sandwich Bagel, Park Avenue Plain Mini Bagels, Park Avenue Cinnamon Raisin Mini Bagels, Park Avenue Blueberry Mini Bagels	R' Nosenchuk
Orion	Plain Par-Baked Hot Stuff Bagel, Cinnamon Raisin Par-Baked Hot Stuff Bagel	R' Nosenchuk
Osem*	All products	R' Minskey
Ostreicher's	Hamentashen (only when labled as Pareve and Pas Yisroel)	R' Bendelstein
Pita Express (FSE)	Pita bread (also yoshon)	R' Bendelstein
Pituyim Cafe	All items	R' Minskey
Quality Food Industries*	Croutons	R' Minskey
Ram Caterers of Brooklyn (FSE)	All Baked Items	R' Schreier
Red Heifer Restauarant* (FSE)	All Baked Items	R' Minskey
Reisman Bros. Bakery	Assorted cakes, cookies, rugalach	R' Paretzky
Renaissance Hotel Jerusalem* (FSE)	All Products	R' Minskey
Raft Foods*	Croutons	R' Minskey
Rokeach	Hamentashen (only when labled as Pareve and Pas Yisroel), cookies, soup nuts	R' Bendelstein
Roma	Bread, rolls, buns	R' Nosenchuk
Rottella's	Bread, rolls, buns	R' Nosenchuk
Royal Bakery House	All breads	R' Bistricher
Royal Dansk	Low cholesterol cookies (when indicated on package) [Available only in Israel]	R' Rockove
Sabba*	Biscuits	R' Minskey
Shop'n Save	Bakery Style Plain bagel 12/5/3/ Oz., Bakery Style Cinnamon Raisin bagel 12/5/3 Oz., Bakery Style Blueberry Bagel 12/5/3 Oz., Bakery Style Honey Wheat Bagels 12/5/3 oz. Cinnamon Raisin Bagels, Onion Bagel, Egg Bagels, Plain Bagels, Blueberry Bagels	R' Nosenchuk
Shoprite	Challahs (only when labeled Pareve and Pas Yisroel)	R' Bendelstein
Simply Bread	Challah (when stated on the label)	R' Bistricher
Simply Perfect	Sugar cookies	R. Nosenchuk
Smilowitz	Exclusively pas yisroel rolls, cookies, cakes, breads	R' Nosenchuk
Smunchies	All baked goods	R' Nosenchuk
Spring Valley- MilMar	Mini Pizza Bagels (Chalav Yisrael) Foodservice	R' Bistricher
Sruli's	All products (when Pas Yisroel is written on the label)	R' Bendelstein
Subway (Downtown Manhattan) (FSE)	All Baked Items	R' Schreier
Super 13	All products (when Pas Yisroel is written on the label)	R' Bendelstein
Tami Great Foods	Old fashioned French toast	R' Nosenchuk
Tavor*	Assorted cookies and cakes	R' Minskey
Tel Aviv Kosher Bakery (Chicago)	Breads & cakes (yoshon)	R' Paretzky
The Fillo Factory	Baklava and pastry shells/cups	

	(when marked pas yisroel)	R' Bistricher
The Old City Café (Upscale Foods)	Pizza (cholov yisroel, yoshon); Burrito [cholov yisroel (where applicable), yoshon]; Apple Strudel (yoshon)	R' Gordimer
Tova-Sovata	Exclusively pas yisroel rolls, cookies, cakes, breads	R' Bendelstein
Village Crown Caterers (FSE)	All Baked Items	R' Schreier
Velka Café* (FSE)	All Baked Items	R' Minksey
Vino/Bar Kochba Restaurant* (FSE)	All Baked Items	R' Minksey
V.I.P.	Bread crumbs	R' Singer
Wein's	All products (when Pas Yisroel is written on the label)	R' Bendelstein
Weiss Kosher Cuisine (FSE)	All Baked Items	R' Schreier
Yarden*	Assorted cookies	R' Minskey
Yoni- Neptune Food Products*	Schnitzel Coatings	R' Minskey
Zaatar	Herb Pizza	R' Nosenchuk

בואכם לשלום...

To Rabbi Dovid Jenkins who has held several important positions in Kashruth before joining the OU as an RC. He learned in Yeshiva Gedola of St. Louis under HaRav Yitzchak Kleiman. Rabbi Jenkins was an RFR for the OU from 1984 till 1990. He was Executive Director of the Vaad Hoeir of St. Louis from 1991 until 1996 and was Kashrus Administrator for the CRC in Chicago from 1996 till 2001. Rabbi Jenkins was an account executive for the Kof-K kosher supervisory service from 2001 till 2005 and became the manager of kashrus operations for the KOAOA – tora organization from 2005 until rejoining the OU in his present position. He is married living in Passaic. He can be reached at 212-613-8314 and at jenkinsd@ou.org. We wish Rabbi Jenkins much success in his future endeavors at OU Kosher.



To Rabbi Yitzchok Gutterman who learned in Israel at Mercaz Hatorah and then in Baltimore at Ner Yisroel where he received semicha. He and his wife have a son Ephraim and were just blessed with two twin daughters named Shira and Ahuva. They live in Passaic, NJ. He deals with new international companies at the OU. His contact information is 212-613-8196, fax 212-613-0785, email guttermany@ou.org.

MAZAL TOV TO ...

our dedicated RFR in Buffalo, NY **RABBI SHMUEL RASHKIN AND HIS WIFE** on the marriage of their daughter Rachel to Dr. Eliahu Shoot of Israel.

our devoted product and private label director **DORIT SHAMOUELIAN** on her engagement to Rodney Hakim of Manhasset, NY.

RABBI AND MRS. MENACHEM GENACK Rabbinic Administrator and CEO, OU Kosher, and **MR. & MRS. EMANUEL ADLER** OU Senior Vice President, upon the marriage of their children Yitzi Genack and Shoshana Adler.

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